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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process of treating a fabric with a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material comprising a water content of less than 5%, said absorbent gelling material being water-insoluble, water-swellable, and capable of forming a gel when said absorbent gelling material is contacted by moisture, wherein said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises an activated zcolite and wherein said composition comprising said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises at least one of the following: silica; microcrystalline cellulose; cellulose or a derivative thereof.
2. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition is a solid composition.
3. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises up to 80% by weight of a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material.
4. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material is a pre-swollen absorbent gelling polymer.
5. (Original) A process according to Claim 4 wherein said absorbent gelling polymer herein is selected from the group consisting of cross-linked polycarboxylates and mixtures thereof.

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6. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition is applied onto said fabric and optionally left to act onto said fabric and/or removed from said fabric.
7. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said fabric is a carpet or a hard wearing textile and fabric.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises a solvent.
10. (Original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said process comprises the steps of applying, in any order, to said fabric said composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material and a second composition.
11. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 10 wherein said second composition is a liquid or solid carpet treatment composition or comprises ingredients selected from the group consisting of: water; polar solvents; and mixtures thereof.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material comprising a water content of less than 5%, said absorbent gelling material being water-insoluble, water-swellable, and capable of forming a gel when said absorbent gelling material is contacted by moisture and (b) one of the following: a cleaning composition or water.

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14. (Original) A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material and (b) a set of instructions to use said composition in a process according to Claim 1.